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SUBJECT: AMIN PRAISES MISSIONARY TEACHERS

1. PRESIDENT AMIN HAS HIGHLY COMMENDED WORK BEING DONE BY MISSIONARY TEACHERS "PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AND BRITAIN." HE PRAISED GOOD JOB BEING DONE BY THESE TEACHERS AND INFORMED MINISTER OF EDUCATION THAT THESE TEACHERS FREE TO REMAIN IN UGANDA AS HE REGARDS THEM "BEST FRIENDS OF UGANDA." HE EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

2. COMMENT. AMIN'S STATEMENT SOMEWHAT SURPRISING AS HE IN PAST HAS ACCUSED MISSIONARIES OF BEING CIA AGENTS AND SUBVERSIVES. IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WORK PERMITS HAVE BEEN REFUSED FOR A NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES, ALTHOUGH THOSE WHO LIST OCCUPATIONS AS TEACHER HAVE GENERALLY BEEN APPROVED. AMIN MAY HAVE FINALLY LEARNED OF SEVERE TEACHER SHORTAGE AFFECTING EDUCATION IN UGANDA AND MADE THE CONCILIATORY STATEMENT TO KEEP THINGS FROM GETTING WORSE. END COMMENT.
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